recording layer number, start address of recorded part, and end address of recorded part, + or a combination of + recording layer number, target area number, start address of recorded part, and end address of recorded part + may be employed. If defect management information is contained, a combination of + kind of information: recorded information or defect information, target area number, start address of recorded part, end address of recorded part, start address of recording inhibited part due to defect, and end address of recording inhibited part due to defect, + or a combination of + flag indicating defect information, target area number, start address of recording inhibited part due to defect, and end address of recording inhibited part due to defect + may be employed. Their information may be mixed to form management information.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 25, and continuing
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to page 25, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When management is performed based on a radial position of an optical head used for recording and reproducing, a combination of + recording layer number, start radius of recorded part, and end radius of recorded part, + or a combination of + recording layer number, target area radius, start radius of recorded part, and end radius of recorded part + may be employed. If defect management information is contained, a combination of + kind of information: recorded information or defect information, target area radius, start radius of recorded part, end radius of recorded part, start radius of recording inhibited part due to defect, and end radius of recording inhibited part due to defect, + or a combination of + flag indicating defect information, target area radius, start radius of recording inhibited part due to defect, and end radius of recording inhibited part due to defect +. Additionally, their information may be combined to form management information, and can be used together with the aforementioned addresses.

Please replace the paragraph beginniing on page 24, line 17, and continuing to page 25, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph: